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On this date, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. advised that he received information that J. B. STONER, Attorney, had been in correspondence with JAMES EARL RAY. The nature of the correspondence was to the effect that J. B. STONER volunteered his services at no cost to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that he would arrive in Memphis on Wednesday, 9/25/68, to meet with JAMES EARL RAY.

Sherff MORRIS was of the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY was losing interest in ARTHUR HANES, his present attorney, and might conceivably let STONER defend him in the forthcoming trial. Sheriff MORRIS also advised that he had picked up information indicating that JAMES EARL RAY at the present time was desirous of taking the stand on his own behalf when the trial occurs in Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS also stated that the current attorney, ARTHUR HANES, does not want his client JAMES EARL RAY to testify.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments as they occur.

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